Chapter 69: I Want It To Be You

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100 years ago,

who lived under Taisho reign.

there was a little girl

She was a premature baby who didn't even weigh 1.5 kg at birth,

but afterwards, she grew up healthy and strong.

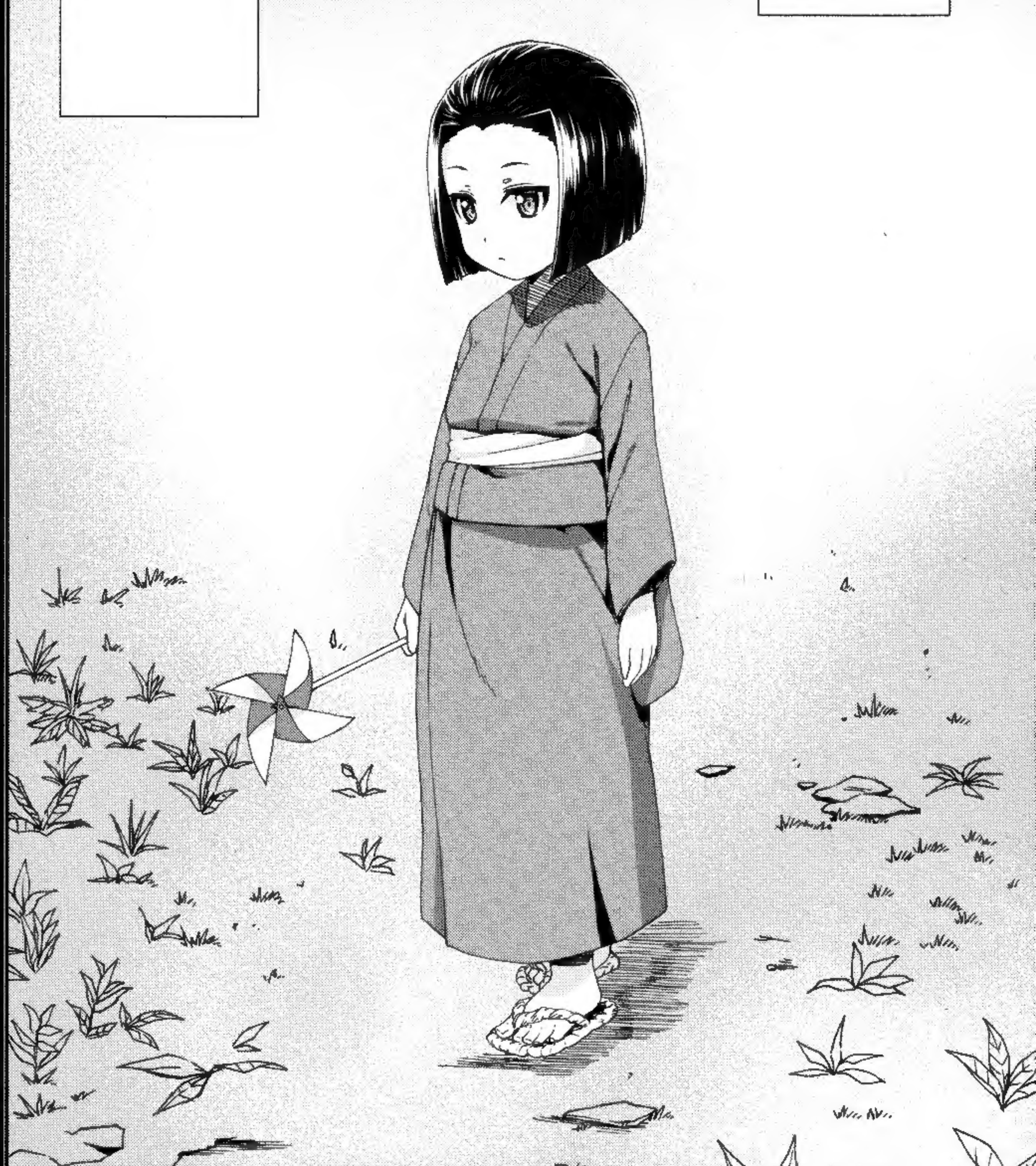
...Or so it seemed...

The problem made itself apparent when she was about 10 years old.

The little girl's body

when she turned six.

had stopped growing



The original diagnosis

was a growth impediment caused by malnutrition.

Trying to find a cause, her father blamed her mother's negligence, and her mother blamed her father's low income.

Their relationship deteriorated

and their stagnated feelings became hatred.

The weak little girl who had caused it all

was ultimately blamed,

beaten by her father and scolded by her mother.

Those hellish days continued,

until,

one day,

everything changed.

it looked as though he got a fresh start in life.

As someone who had reflected as a father,

However,

and instead,

he constantly worried about her, and was always trying to protect her.

Her father's aggression towards the little girl ceased,

The little girl had placed her father

that wasn't the reality.

The little girl couldn't recall either.

When did she become aware of her power?

It was not something she was taught.

as "Suzume-bachi".

under her control

decided the little girl was some sort of witch,

and made a plan to kill her, but...

Eventually, her mother, who noticed her husband's strangeness,

already **knew** the art of controlling people.

The little girl

saw this as a good oppor-tunity

The little girl, who sensed her mother's intentions,

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after taking the life of her mother.

to make her father take his own life

for using her own powers.

The little girl discovered conditions

Surely not just because of a grudge.

Why did she kill them?

They are

two requirements had to be met:

In order to turn people into "Suzumebachi",

The intent isn't a big deal.

the problem was whether they had the aptitude.

She wasn't sure of the criteria, but...

and an aptitude for it.

the desire to become "Suzume-bachi"

at any given time.

And she could control only one

In other words,

depending on who became "Suzumebachi"

There could not be two "Suzumebachi" at the same time.

extreme aggression and strong vitality were essential,

just like a hornet.

The little girl realized that

the little girl carefully selected people one after the other,

controlling them and killing them, over and over,

and kept moving onto many different "Suzumebachi".

her life would change.

So,

over the course of 20 or so years,

And then,

she ascended the stairs of power.

With that small body of hers,

no, **she**,

the little girl

Under her control,

he strengthened his political speeches,

and from then on

into "Suzume-bachi".

turned the most powerful person at the time

Boss.

The current circumstances are not favourable.

Is that so?

If the battle continues on like this,

the annihilation of Japan by the Allied Forces will be inevitable.

Japan ended up in a reckless war against the Allies,

and the rest is history.

Japan pursued the path of war.

That's too bad.

It was still too early, then.

then in the end, I believe that surrender-

if it's come down to this,

isn't enough to win a war, huh?

Looks like being able to read somebody's mind

is overrun by the Allied Forces.

once our defeated Japan

If we surrender like this,

No.

Yes.

That being the case, what do you suggest we-

it'll be divided between America, Britain, and the Soviet Union,

and completely ruined.

If we're going to lose anyway,

we're going to go out with a bang.

In such a spectacular way

that winning will make them feel *inferior!*

And then in 1945,

the United States Armed Forces suddenly

made Japan, which was on the brink of surrender

for
their newest
experimental
weapon.

their testing
ground

in order
to make
Japan's
defeat
flawless.

It was
a proposal
she made

was an
experiment done
by the Allied Forces
and the Japanese
Army through a
secret agreement.

This
operation

She
then

and
executed
by
guillotine

Afterwards, the
most powerful
person in Japan
was sentenced
to death in the
Tokyo Trials,

in a black market that was on par with post-war Tokyo.

ventured on her own

it's time for me to find the next "Suzumebachi".

But, well...

I'm tired of old men,

for a defeated country, isn't it?

It's quite lively

Hey!

One who will live a long life...

so I'll go with a young man next.

Take this.

Here.

Eh?

Why?

Aren't you selling this?

we-well,

you...

.....

How do I say this...

She wasn't as small as you, but...

Your aura...

look like

my late mother...

What was her name?

Your mother.

Hmm...

.....

Yoriko.

Yo-

What was she thinking?

She

Is that so?

And then, together with the boy,

she established **"The Organ-ization"**.

She assembled people who were proficient at assassination,

and made him "Suzume-bachi".

welcomed this young orphan as her son

at the summit of under-ground society.

and reigned for a long time

as the invisible "Boss",

became the most powerful person in Japan. She regulated the size of its population,

and eventually she,

50 years later...

And then,

This is an excellent graveside.
Boss.

No-

Mother.

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ushijima Masashi

Do as you wish.

this time.

Please allow me to call you that

A brilliant son.

You are my faithful servant.

I've always thought of you as such.

and Togawa Jin becomes a "Suzumebachi".

Even after you die

always think of you that way.

From now on, I'll

From now on,

I'll be going far away from here on.

Yes...

Isn't that nice, Masashi?

you'll be on your own.

Hey...

Don't cry.

Ohh...

Oh-

It's just...

I'm not afraid.

and so frustrated...

feeling so miserable

And I would rot away,

I would be leaving Mother behind. Alone.

but *not* being able to die is far more terrifying.

I'm only telling you this now,

Are you afraid of dying?

That's right

My families and comrades

all die, leaving me behind.

It's normal for me.

And that's natural.

And so, even this time,

How-ever,

I didn't cry.

I

am always alone.

It was probably a "sign."

my ability as "Nejirebane"

After that day

A strange thought

I couldn't tell whether it was sadness or pity

I felt something

albeit gradually.

began weakening

by this "Suzumebachi" who couldn t sever his affection towards his family

I gradually started to feel irritated

I wasn't able to completely control him.

After turning Togawa Jin into "Suzume-bachi",

And,

in order to catch up.

now,

began growing again.

my body

This life which I thought could last forever

and this ability,

There's no doubting it any-more.

but I've got a hunch.

I don't know when it will happen,

Chances are,

And

for that last one,

will be the last I can turn into "Suzume-bachi".

the next person

it will be time for them to end.

someday soon, no doubt,

Fujii
Alice.

I want it
to be you,

Such a thing...

why...

essentially, a trial run.

Everything up until now has been,

Wh-

.....

drove away Dinoponera,

You succeeded Kumo,

staved off Sasori,

slaughtered the Army Ants,

It's obvious now.

There is nobody

Suzumebachi.

and defeated

more suitable than you

to become my companion.

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